

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 14, and 29-33 are pending. Claims 8-13 and 15-28 have been cancelled as drawn to non-elected inventions.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that a complete listing of all claims is not present in the amendment paper filed March 4, 2003. Additionally, the Notice states that each claim has not been provided with a status identifier. Applicants have reviewed the response filed March 4, 2003 and note that all 30 claims originally filed in the application were listed with a status identifier. As no preliminary amendment has been filed, original claims 1-30 were subject to the restriction requirement. As set forth in the revised practice guidelines, pending claims 1-7 and 29-30 and new claims 31-33 were listed separately and identified as original or new. Sequential claims being withdrawn, i.e., claims 8-13 and 15-28 were grouped together and identified with the status identifier "Withdrawn".

Applicants have attempted to contact by telephone on two occasions the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner, Donna Chapman to clarify the nature of the non compliance but their calls have not been returned. According, Applicants are submitting this Supplemental Response, in which every one of the original claims 1-30 is listed separately with a status identifier: "Original", "Cancelled" in place of "Withdrawn", or "Currently Amended". New claims 31-33 have also been listed separately with the status identifier "New". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is in compliance with the revised amendment practice guidelines.

However, if this is not the case, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the Applicant at (415) 781-1989 to clarify the nature of the non-compliance with the Voluntary Revised Amendment Practice Guidelines.

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